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# STORMWATER MASTER PLAN RESIDENT INPUT SOUGHT

Flagler County is in receipt of a draft version of its Stormwater Master Plan report - more than a year and a half in the making with Geosyntec Consultants - to address all aspects of stormwater management within the unincorporated areas of the county. The focus of the study primarily centered around assessment of frequent flooding the conditions, evaluation pollutant sources as they affect water quality locally, and the assessment of existing stormwater infrastructure conditions.

"The last public meeting was held on July 31, but we are still gathering community feedback," said County Administrator Heidi Petito. "We welcome input to this draft report."

The full draft report is accessible at <a href="https://www.flaglercounty.gov/depart">https://www.flaglercounty.gov/depart</a> ments/engineering/stormwater-master-plan.

Comments can be made by email to Project Administrator Richard Zion, rzion@flaglercounty.gov, or to consultant Cathleen Foerster at cfoerster@appliedtm.com.

The intended outcomes of the study are to develop a Stormwater Master Plan that can be implemented to address problems identified through the following: development of a focused stormwater Capital Project Improvement program; increased drainage infrastructure maintenance; public education and outreach; and the development of strategies to accommodate future development.





# CHAIR HANSEN, VICE CHAIR DANCE SIT ON 3 FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES POLICY COMMITTEES

Flagler County Board of County Commissioners Chair Greg Hansen and Vice Chair Andy Dance sit on three (total) Florida Association of Counties (FAC) policy committees.

Hansen will serve on the FAC Federal policy committee for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Each year, the committee – through the guidance of the FAC membership – develops a federal advocacy program to share with national leaders and lawmakers.

"I am very honored," Hansen said. "I think I will really be able to make a difference, because this fits so well with my experience. I spent 16 years in Washington D.C. working on the Hill."

Dance will serve on two policy committees: Health, Safety & Justice, his first year on this committee; and, Water & Environmental Sustainability, his third year on this committee. The Florida Association of Counties 2023 Policy Conference starts on Wednesday (September 13) and Dance will attend the meetings of both committees.

"I look forward to debating the benefits of proposed legislative policies with fellow commissioners from around the state," Dance said, noting that collaboration is a crucial component of policy review. "We have a lot to learn from each other and from analyzing the impacts and/or benefits of proposed policy development on residents."

Hansen and Dance were appointed by FAC President Bill Truex.

"The success of the association, and by extension Florida counties, relies heavily on the role played by our policy committees," he said. "I took careful time and consideration when choosing this year's appointments and I am confident that each leader's invaluable expertise will be an asset to accurately represent the diverse needs of our state."

### 'TUNE IN' TO MEETINGS

OCTOBER 2: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 9 a.m.

OCTOBER 10: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 13: LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AT 3 p.m. OCTOBER 16: BOCC REGULAR MEETING AT 5 p.m.

#### **LIVE STREAM**

www.youtube.com/flaglercounty/live

# COUNTY DRIVER NAMED TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Flagler County Transportation Driver Richard Briggs was selected by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged for the Driver of the Year Award.

"I'm not at all surprised that Richard Briggs received the Driver of the Year Award," said County Administrator Heidi Petito. "We have a wonderful staff and Richard is a prime example."

The Department of Transportation invited Briggs to the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged Awards Ceremony held at SeaWorld at the end of August.

"It was difficult to keep the news a secret until after the ceremony as they had asked," said Transportation Manager Pia Thomas, who had nominated Briggs. "I was so excited for him."

In her nomination, Thomas spoke of Briggs's work ethic, dedication, and trustworthiness.

"Richard is a tremendous asset to our transportation team," she wrote. "He is liked and respected by his customers, fellow operators, supervisors, and management."

Briggs, who has worked for Flagler County for six years, has transported more than 31,300 passengers over 281,000 miles without a complaint or accident.

"Richard also helps to train new operators," Thomas wrote. "(He) is very kind and easygoing with a lot of patience, making him an excellent trainer and coach."

Flagler County Public Transportation is a paratransit bus system that is demand response, shared ride, and provides door-to-door service (there is no fixed route). It focuses on the elderly as well as people with disabilities, and transportation disadvantaged.

## 'DO DATE' EVENTS

11/11/23

Veterans' Day Parade, Ceremony, Lunch Find out how to participate online:

www.FlaglerVeteransDayParade.com
Search the same name on Facebook as well
Begins promptly at 10 a.m. at S.R. 100 Bunnell

## **BREAKERS**

#### 'FLAGLER FALL OUTREACH' BRINGS SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO CATTLEMAN'S HALL

Flagler County Health and Human Services Department is bringing together a full complement of social services providers for its "Flagler Fall Outreach" to provide free information, as well as immediate assistance with things like free food and haircuts. The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on October 20 at Cattleman's Hall at the Fairgrounds.

In addition to Health and Human Services, the following will be available:

- Grace Food Pantry
- Flagler County Free Clinic
- Family Life Center (domestic abuse, sexual assault)
- Daytona State Fresh Start Program (free transition program)
- Flagler OARS (Open Arms Recovery Services)
- Flagler Cares
- Early Learning Coalition
- Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless
- DCF/SNAP (food assistance)
- Flagler County SHIP
- Daytona State College TRiO
- Care Connect +
- Changing Homelessness
- North Florida Community Action
- Clear Captions
- Flagler Family Assistance Center
- Career Source
- Alpha Women's Center
- Disability Solutions
- SHINE
- Easterseals
- Seniors' vs Crime
- SMA|Flagler Access Center
- Flagler Technical College
- Flagler County Emergency Management
- Flagler County Schools FIT Program
- Florida Department of Health-Flagler
- Boys & Girls Club Volusia/Flagler
- Salvation Army
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Florida Legal Services
- Flagler County Drug Court Foundation

Cattleman's Hall at the Flagler County Fairgrounds is located at 150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell.